

## GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

## Mesmeric Excitement.

Special to the Sentinel.  
 LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 16.—Professor Johnson, a mesmerist, at present giving exhibitions of his art at the People's Rink, has been accused of being a grand humbugger and a genuine fraud by several persons on whom he has performed some of his mesmeristic feats. They assert that they were paid by the Professor for making all sorts of cut-ups imaginable—such as crowing, shrieking, etc.—to initiate mesmerism. The Professor seemed perfectly dumbfounded at hearing this, and at once published a denial of the charges made against him. He also invited several of our prominent physicians to test his performances, and Drs. Yount and General said the Professor's performances were genuine and were something which they could not understand. Drs. Beary, Webster and Walker had not much faith in his exhibitions, but believed them quite substantial, and were willing to testify to their genuineness. Adolphus Sparks and George C. Clemmons are the two young men who charge Professor Johnson with giving fraudulent exhibitions, saying they had received \$2 apiece for their bellowing like calves, etc., during the Professor's performances. The accused denied this also, and published a card in one of our papers to that effect. These young men approached the mesmerist at the Lahr House yesterday and proceeded to call him to account for the card published, and at the same time making several offensive remarks. Hot words were passed and would have resulted in a conflict had not the proprietor of the Lahr House interfered timely. The Tippecanoe County Medical Society meets in a few days, at which the Professor will have his performances tested and proved genuine.

## Seymour's Budget of News.

Special to the Sentinel.  
 SEYMOUR, Ind., April 16.—Mrs. David Day, of Hamilton Township, was badly bitten by a large vicious dog day before yesterday and the flesh on one hand and arm badly lacerated. The animal was promptly killed.  
 Hon. Jason B. Brown and wife returned home from Indianapolis yesterday.  
 The city school trustees have just purchased a block of ground in the northern part of the city upon which they will erect a new school building in order to accommodate the large increase in our school population.  
 Mr. Alfred Hartley, of New Albany, and Miss Lillie E. Paul, were married at the residence of Joseph H. Hodapp, this city, on Tuesday evening, Rev. Dr. George L. Curtis officiating. The happy couple departed for the home of Mr. Hartley, where they will reside in the future.  
 Another large addition, and to be three stories high, is being erected by the Woolen Factory Company to be used for storing their wools and rapidly increasing consumption of the raw product. The new factory, Woolen Factory, already an extensive affair, is destined to become one of the very largest in the country.  
 "Peabody" Patterson, who has just completed a term in the State Prison, and his wife were remarried at their home at Medora on Monday night.  
 Foxes are becoming so numerous a few miles south of here that they are destroying young pigs and fowls at an alarming extent.

## Iron and Steel Trade.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—James M. Swan, the Secretary of the Iron and Steel Association, referring to-day to the condition of the iron trade, said that the future must see its improvements. How soon that would come depended entirely upon the improvement in general trade, and especially in the business of the railroad companies. The prices for iron and steel were now about where they were in December and January, and had apparently reached bottom. There was no likelihood of their going lower. Business was light and at figures that do not yield much, if any, profit to the manufacturers. The railroad companies, which consume one-half of all the manufactured iron and steel produced in this country, were cutting down expenses, and are not giving out orders. There was very little building of new roads and the demand for rails, car wheels and locomotive iron was of necessity a low ebb. In the event of war in Europe, Mr. Swan says an increased demand for grain from this country would of course follow. An improvement in the iron trade would then be the indirect result. Increased business would fall to the railroad companies through the transportation of this grain and their consequent increased expenditures on new rolling stock improvements to their lines, etc., would start a boom in iron and steel.

## Miners Out Of Fire, but Make Their Way.

LINCOLN, Ill., April 16.—The Lincoln Coal Company's shaft and landing caught fire at 1:30 o'clock this morning, and were soon a mass of flames. From ten to twenty miners are at the bottom. The loss is about \$100,000, and there is no insurance. The fire was caused by the explosion of a torch in the oil room. Cages were kept running until a few minutes before the wire cable snapped in two. The following men are known to be at the bottom: Theodore Reed, John Walsh, Pat Campbell, Mike Savage, Jack Kane and Jerry Comfort. It is thought that they will be saved. The escape shaft, three-quarters of a mile away, connects with the one destroyed, and it is by this avenue that the men will be most likely to escape. The fire is now under control, and several streams of water are playing on the ruins. The wives and children of the imprisoned miners are in dreadful suspense. No word has yet been received that the men have reached the escape, though the chances are in their favor.

## Browns' Items.

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 BROWNSVILLE, Ind., April 16.—The most entertaining society event of the year was the silver wedding of County Treasurer William Acker, and wife, which was celebrated at the spacious residence last evening. Notwithstanding the rain poured down incessantly, there were some 200 of their intimate friends were present from Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Louisville, and other points, which rendered the occasion one not soon to be forgotten. The presents bestowed upon Mr. and Mrs. Acker were very numerous, many of which were exceedingly handsome and costly. All who were present unite in pronouncing the supper prepared by Mrs. Acker one of the finest they ever sat down to, and which would reflect credit upon those prepared at the White House.

It is safe to say the host and hostess never witnessed an occasion more agreeable, and everything indicated that they were fully able to make this the crowning and pleasing society event of the season.

## Collision at Sea.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 16.—The German steamer Main, Captain Christoffers, from New York April 11, for Southampton and Bremen, arrived here to-day. Captain Christoffers reports that at half past 1 o'clock on Monday morning last, he came in collision with the Russian bark Kalaja, from Baltimore for Europe, with a cargo of mahogany. The steamer struck the Kalaja on the port side just aft of the cabin, cutting right through her, and the cargo floated out of her. One of the bark's crew was drowned; the others were taken on board the steamer. The Main had a large hole broken in her hull above the water line.

## Women's Silk Culture Association.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 16.—The fifth annual meeting of the Women's Silk Culture Association of the United States was held here to-day. The annual report contained some interesting information. As Congress has appropriated \$15,000 for silk culture in the United States, \$3,700 of which will be devoted to this association, it has received a fresh start. This association has heretofore had one reel, but it now aims to encourage agriculturalists in the growing of silk to establish a fund for the reeling department to open a school for silk culture in Fairmount Park, and to circulate information concerning the industry.

## Iowa Prohibition Middle.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 16.—On the petition of the Citizens' Prohibition League, notices were served by the Sheriff to-day on nine saloon keepers to have them appear in the Circuit Court to show cause why injunctions should not be issued against them for selling liquor contrary to the prohibitory law. These are in addition to the twenty-five cases tried last fall by the Circuit Court. Judge Utth ruled the injunction clause as unconstitutional. The Supreme Court having reversed his decision, these and additional cases came up again. There is no excitement and the saloons are still open as usual.

## The Santos Escape.

BALTIMORE, April 16.—A special from Hagerstown, Md., says: "Mr. Oardorok has received a dispatch from Mr. Santos E. Santos, of Panama, informing him that his brother, Antonio Santos, who was arrested and imprisoned with Julio E. Santos, the American citizen, had escaped from Ecuador and arrived at Panama. Antonio reports that Julio is in danger. A copy of the telegram will be sent to the State Department as an argument for urgency in the matter of Julio's release. The news of Santos' escape has not yet been received in Washington."

## The Loucks-Louthain Case—Supposed Clew of Mrs. Harley.

Special to the Sentinel.  
 DELHI, Ind., April 16.—The Loucks-Louthain case was called up before Judge Davidson in the Carroll Circuit Court to-day. A jury was impaneled and the evidence of some of the principal witnesses for the plaintiff heard.  
 The friends of Mrs. Harley have found a lady's hair switch near the river, which they are sure belonged to the missing woman. The clew may lead to the clearing up of the mystery.

## Must Attend Prayers.

BOSTON, April 16.—The committee of Harvard College Overseers to which was referred the petition of the undergraduates asking that attendance at morning prayer be made voluntary with students over the age of twenty-one years, and optional with the parents or guardians of others, adopted the following resolution:  
 Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the petition of the undergraduates of Harvard College for the repeal of the rules now requiring attendance on daily prayers.

## Pacific Railroad China Lines.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Vice-President Chas. Crocker, of the Southern-Pacific Company, having been asked the possible reply of his Company to a proposition from the Pacific Mail and Union Pacific Company, based on Mr. Gould's resolution concerning the withdrawal of the China line, says that as the Occidental and Oriental line of steamers was organized to bring tea to the Pacific Railroad, and an acceptance of the Pacific Mail proposition would result in the tea going by way of the isthmus, it is not likely that the line will be withdrawn.

## Billiard Tournament.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The billiardists who are to engage in the tournament, beginning in this city next Monday, met and completed their arrangements. The prizes were fixed at \$1,000, \$500, 400, and \$250; the receipts to be divided into five parts, pro rata with the prizes. The tournament games will be played under the rules of the French billiard line, as defined in modern billiards, except as to the distance of the lines from the cushions. The number of points for each game is to be 500.

## Quebec Regiment Won't Fight.

MONTREAL, April 16.—Great surprise has been caused here by the receipt of news that the Sixty-fifth (Montreal) Regiment of Volunteers now at Colgarry, refuses to proceed against Riel, making the excuse that they are not Catholics. Colonel Gimet, of the Regiment, has returned to Winnipeg. This is the only French Canadian Regiment of Montreal, and its refusal to proceed is generally supposed to be due to unwillingness to be led against the French half-breeds under Riel.

## Father Phelan Promoted.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 16.—Information was received in the city to-day from Rome that Rev. Father Phelan, Vicar General of this diocese, has been appointed Coadjutor to Bishop Twigg, who has been ill for several years. Details of the appointment have not yet been received, although it is understood that Bishop Twigg has forwarded his resignation owing to physical disability. In that event Father Phelan will be in charge of the consolidated diocese of Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

## A Prize Fight.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., April 16.—A fight with soft gloves between Sam Bittle, of Toronto, and Casey, of London, occurred near here this morning. Half a dozen rounds were fought, in the last of which Casey was knocked completely out. The battle was awarded to Bittle.

## Struck for Their Pay.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 16.—All the employees of the Bankers' and Merchants' Telegraph Company in this city struck at 10 this

morning because they had not been paid their wages. The company owes them for two months of last year and for last month. The office is closed, and the manager only is left in charge.

## The Musical Festival Must Close.

CHICAGO, April 16.—An effort was made to extend the season of the opera festival for another week, the managers being encouraged by the very large attendance. Colonel Mapleton telegraphed to effect, if possible, a cancellation of his Eastern engagements, but as he discovered that he could not do so, the season will close Saturday.

## Burglary and Arson.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 16.—Thieves robbed the grist mill of Charles Hillard, in Salisbury Township, last night, and then set fire to the building, which with all the contents was completely destroyed. The loss is heavy. The Welch mountain gang are believed to be the perpetrators of the outrage.

## A Base Ball Player Murdered.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—Intelligence has been received here to the effect that George Fifth, a resident of this city, was murdered in Marshalltown, Iowa, on Saturday last. The deceased was well-known in the East as a base ball player.

## A Murderer Lynched.

BLUNT, D. T., April 16.—J. H. Bell, who murdered F. G. Small, at Harrold, last December, was lynched last night at this place.

## The First Keen Twinge.

As the season advances, the pains and aches by which rheumatism makes itself known are experienced after every exposure. It is considered that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a specific for rheumatism—we doubt if there is, or can be, such a remedy. But the thousands benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla warrant us in urging others who suffer from rheumatism to take it before the first keen twinge.

## A WAR RELIC.

General Lee's Farewell Order Disbanding the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox.

Parkersburg, Va., special: A valuable war relic, and one which is of peculiar interest at this time, when the commander of the Federal armies is lying at death's door, has been discovered in this city among the old papers of a well-known gentleman. The relic is a copy of the last general field order issued by General Robert E. Lee to the Army of Northern Virginia just after the surrender to General Grant at Appomattox Court House. The order is printed in large, full faced type upon an inferior, faded, and tattered piece of paper, and reads as follows: HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, April 10, 1865.—General Order No. 1. After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the end, that I am proud to commend them to the arms of their countrymen. With the exception of a few stragglers, the Army of Northern Virginia is now disbanded. I bid you an affectionate farewell. R. E. Lee, General.

The gentleman owning the order received it from a Confederate Captain who was on the field when a courier came dashing by from General Lee's headquarters and handed him two copies by mistake. The officer preserved them both, for, as he said, it was his only recompense for four years of hard service, and he prized them very much. For kind services rendered him by the gentleman now owning this order, the Captain gave it to him. These orders are now very rare, and the possessor of this one thinks it is the only one in existence.

## Politics.

(New York Sun.)  
 The voters in this country outnumber the greatest possible number of Federal officials by an enormous majority. Compared to the number of voters in either of the two great political divisions, the officials are about as one in fifty. The number of men who are in office is much greater than that of the actual officeholders; but, in comparison with the voters, the officeholders are still insignificant. A very small proportion of citizens want office, and a very small proportion would take it. They have their own affairs to look after.

The opinion is expressed in many quarters that the public interest as to how the offices are filled is confined to the narrow circle of those who aspire to fill them. This is the view of the Mungeton journals that wish to keep the Republicans in, and of the civil service reformers whose nerves are so shaken by change. It harmonizes amazingly with the style of reasoning with which Providence has endowed the inventors of the patent machinery for reconstructing the civil service.

Yet there never was an idea more destitute of sense. It is one of the virtues and advantages of a free people that nothing among them commands such universal attention as politics. Here their interests are centered, and absorbing, their sympathies intense and their animosities bitter. Men are for whatever conduces to extend their party's influence, and against whatever tends to weaken it and to strengthen their opponents. They want to see the Government controlled and its affairs administered by officers who share their sentiments, who believe in the same principles, and are for the promotion of the same measures. To wish otherwise would be equivalent to wishing to recruit your army from the camp of your foes. That never has been done yet by patriots, and it never will be. There is a universal sentiment against it, and until that becomes reversed and human nature experiences a material and lamentable alteration, the great mass of Democrats and Republicans will wish to see their friends in office. Any effort to resist this desire will have a very serious effect upon the party which is responsible for it. Men are for their friends, and not for their enemies; and in a matter of sentiment and feeling like politics, this is truer than in anything else.

## The Poetry Knocked Out of Love.

(Lecture by Dr. Hammond.)  
 It was vividly announced in the early history of the world that "it was not good for man to be alone," and the announcement has received the almost universal endorsement of our race, especially the male portion of the race. It may be that some are discouraged by frequent failures—that is, those who failed to marry those they wished. To the male sex this would seem to apply, as it is supposed that the men only do the courting. But a close observer will sometimes admit that the ladies take a part in it. I once heard of a party who asked a party of over three score years how old a lady would become before she would relinquish the idea of marriage, and the answer was, "My son, go ask some one older than I." People will marry. It is necessary that they should.

But they should love first. Those who write of love generally treat the subject with too much levity, and associate it with soft glances, moonlight walks and poetry. Love and poetry go hand in hand sometimes, but poetry is generally left left away in the background. The young man, when he first gets in love, is a poet in his own conceit. The girl does not get that way. She has a practical idea of love, and whether or not she reciprocates the passion of the young fellow who is letting out his sonnet to her, she will knock all the poetry out of him on the first round.

## The War Cloud.

(Portland Oregonian.)  
 At Lafayette, a day or two since, Judge Boise was seen between two big men, such as he imagines himself to be. One of them was reading the Oregonian, and, turning to the Judge, he said: "The thunder cloud of war looks very dark on the Eastern political horizon." "Yes," said the Judge, "the clouds look very black." "Well," said the second farmer, who had only half comprehended the matter under discussion, "we need rain."

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